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Sir:

The above identified application was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 8, 2003. A corrected Appeal brief was filed April 7, 2006, an Examiner's Answer to Appeal Brief was mailed June 29, 2006, and a Reply Brief and a Request for Oral hearing were both filed on August 29, 2006. The Reply Brief was considered and entered and according the USPTO communication, mailed November 3, 2006, was forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal. A Petition to Make Special Because of Applicant's Health was filed November 9, 2006 and was granted December 21, 2006.

The undersigned attorney for the Applicant would appreciate an indication as to the date upon which this present application will be taken up by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal. If the Examiner is of the opinion that a telephone conference would be helpful in this matter, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (713) 355-4200.

Respectfully submitted,



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